

SUBJECT No. 139.

Improvement of agriculture by introducing labour-saving machinery.

Messrs. Ananthiah, Shimoga Taluk, A. Shamanna, Shimoga Municipality, and C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.

Mr. Ananthiah.—Each District may be given a motor plough for demonstration purposes. If this is done, the scheme of Large Landed Estates will prove a success and agriculture will improve in the State.

Second Member of Council.—Government have taken two Tractors—one is working in the Babbur farm and the other at Hebbal. These require a large expenditure to work and unless we know more about them, we cannot definitely say that they are useful. Dr. Coleman himself is of opinion that the tractor ploughs are not as economical as they are represented to be. The matter is, however, in an experimental stage.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Agricultural Banks.

Mr. Venkata Sanjivaiya, Closepet Municipality.

Many agricultural banks have been wound up. Recoveries of Government dues have been made but the reserve fund is still in the hands of some members of the Banks. This reserve was formed out of the collections from the members and it is but right that this amount should be distributed among them. But as the distribution is difficult, Government may take steps to recover the reserve fund from the members, keep it and utilize it for the public good or for charitable purposes.

Second Member of Council.—The matter will be enquired into.

DEVELOPMENT.—MORAL AND MATERIAL.

(CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.)

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Additional powers to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Messrs. P. Muthiah and Dase Gouda, Channapatna Taluk.

Mr. P. Muthiah.—Outstandings in the Co-operative Societies are increasing and the Revenue authorities are not able to recover them promptly. It would be better if the Registrar is invested with power to recover them. At present, the records are sent to the Deputy Commissioner who forwards them to the Amildar for needful action. There is considerable delay in this procedure. If, on the other hand, the Assistant Registrar can forward the records direct to the Amildar, this delay could be obviated.

Mr. Shamiengar.—The present procedure whereby the records are sent to the Deputy Commissioner in the first instance is all right. The Assistant Registrar has no authority over the Amildar and his sending records direct to the Amildar will not be helpful. But it is necessary to see that the recoveries are not delayed on any account.

Second Member of Council.—The Registrar had no proper establishment and now that Assistant Registrars have been appointed, I think recoveries are now